

## SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 2

## Agenda

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## 3600 Department of Fish and Game

### 1. Chronic Funding-Related Problems at the Department

**Action.** The Department and DOF should resubmit its budget proposal for the Fish and Game Preservation Fund. The proposal should be consistent with current law and suggest statutory changes, if needed.

**Vote.** 3-0

### 2. Office of Spill Prevention and Response

**Action.** This budget for OSPR was left open, pending receipt of additional written information on what it is doing to respond to DOF's recommendations related to (1) high distributed administration charges, (2) high administration fees on habitat remediation pass-through funds, and (3) what the department plans on doing with the large fund balance.

### 3. Marine Life Protection Act

**Action.** The MLPA program budget remains open pending receipt and review of the draft framework document from the taskforce.

### 4. Maximizing Federal Fisheries Restoration Grant Funds

**Action.** The federal funds budget of the department stays open pending additional written information regarding how the department plans to match available federal funds.

### 5. Enhancing Land Management

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 3-0

### 6. Other Budget Change Proposals

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 3-0

## 3340 California Conservation Corps

### 1. Collins-Dugan Reimbursement Account

**Action.** The Corps budget was held open. Staff and LAO will review the Corps response to LAO's recommendation and contact the Corps and DOF if additional information is needed to justify the proposal.

### 2. Fuel Reduction and Fire Training Project

**Action.** DOF and the Corps will determine if additional actions are needed to continue implementation of the fuel reduction and fire training project, especially if funds are not encumbered before the end of the year.

### 3. Bond Funds

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 3-0

## 3480 Department of Conservation

### 1. Department of Conservation Reorganization

**Action.** The reorganization of DOC remains an open issue. Staff will continue to evaluate all impacts of transferring DOC's activities to other state agencies.

### 2. Williamson Act

**Action.** Staff, the LAO, DOF, and the department will develop trailer bill language to increase the penalties assessed for canceling a Williamson Act contract. The department will provide information to the Subcommittee that provides some rationale for the current penalty level for breaking a Williamson Act contract.

### 3. Beverage Container Recycling Programs

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 2-1 (Dutton)

#### 4. Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 3-0 on all items except the item to re-establish formerly vacant positions, which had a 2-1 vote (Dutton).

#### 5. Surface Mining and Reclamation Act

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 3-0

### 3680 Department of Boating and Waterways

#### 1. Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 3-0

#### 2. Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 3-0

### 3720 California Coastal Commission

#### 1. Improving Coastal Access and Development Mitigation

**Action.** Staff, the LAO, DOF, and the commission will work on trailer bill language to implement the LAO's following three recommendations: (1) report on the universe of OTDs; (2) plan for accepting and opening all OTDs; and (3) designating a state agency to accept non-access OTDs.

**Vote.** 2-1 (Dutton)

## 2. Review of LNG and Off-Shore Oil Leases

**Action.** Commission's budget is open pending receipt of workload information being prepared by the Office of the Secretary for Resources on the current and projected work required by the state agencies under the Resources Agency in reviewing LNG applications and lease extensions on the marine oil terminals.

## 3. Budget Change Proposals

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 3-0

# 3760 State Coastal Conservancy

## 1. Fish Passage Barrier Study

**Action.** Staff will work with Subcommittee 4 to require Caltrans to submit a more refined estimate for costs associated with including fish passage assessments as part of their culvert inspection program on priority coastal watersheds and stream crossings. Caltrans should include in its information a description of its efforts to obtain federal or other sources of funding to assist in its efforts to address fish passage issues caused by culverts owned by Caltrans.

## 2. Public Access Program

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 2-1 (Dutton)

## 3. California Ocean Protection Council

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 2-1 (Dutton)

## 4. Other Conservancy Programs

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 2-1 (Dutton)

## **3820 San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission**

### **1. Budget Change Proposals**

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 2-1 (Dutton)

## **Regional Conservancies**

### **3125 California Tahoe Conservancy**

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 2-1 (Dutton)

### **3810 Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy**

**Action.** Open pending resolution of budget bill changes needed. Staff, LAO, DOF, and the Conservancy should work on revised budget bill language to reflect the settlement of issues with DOF.

### **3825 San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy**

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 2-1 (Dutton)

### **3830 San Joaquin River Conservancy**

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 2-1 (Dutton)

### **3835 Baldwin Hills Conservancy**

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 2-1 (Dutton)

### **3845 San Diego River Conservancy**

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 2-1 (Dutton)

### **3850 Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy**

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 2-1 (Dutton)

### **3640 Wildlife Conservation Board**

**Action.** Approved as budgeted.

**Vote.** 2-1 (Dutton)